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For: ELLIPTICAL EXERCISE DEVICE WITH LEAF )  
SPRING SUPPORTS )

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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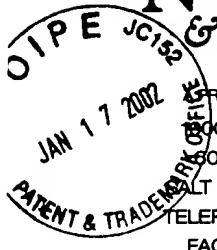


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- Form PTO-1449 listing 6 reference(s) submitted for consideration (1 pp).
- Copy(ies) of 6 of the 6 reference(s) listed on the Form PTO-1449.

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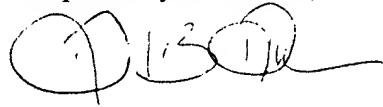
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- A Certificate of Deposit Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified application to the attention of the undersigned.

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